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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA/UNITED KINGDOM
SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST U.S. AND BRITISH CITIZENS

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1. AS OF THE EARLY EVENING OF 11 APRIL 1982, THE 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION, THE OPERATIONAL ARM OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE), WAS MAKING CONTINGENCY PLANS TO "DISAPPEAR" U.S. CITIZENS IN ARGENTINA IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ADOPTS THE BRITISH POSITION IN REGARD TO THE DISPUTE IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. (COMMENT: IN THE TERMINOLOGY USED BY THE 601ST BATTALION, "DISAPPEARED" DOES NOT MEAN "PUT IN JAIL".)

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(COMMENT: "DISAPPEARED" PROBABLY MEANS "KILLED".

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DID NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THE IDENTITIES OR NUMBERS OF PERSONS WHO WOULD BE "DISAPPEARED". HOWEVER,

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IT REFERRED TO INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES.)

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2. THESE CONTINGENCY PLANS COULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT WITHIN 48 HOURS IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ADOPTED A PRO-BRITISH POSITION.

3. AT LEAST SOME PERSONNEL FROM THE 601ST BATTALION HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO INFORM THEIR SUPERIORS, ON THE MORNING OF 12 APRIL, OF EVERYTHING THEY KNOW ABOUT U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

4. ALSO ON THE EARLY EVENING OF 11 APRIL, TEAMS FROM THE 601ST BATTALION WERE MOVING INTO POSITION TO BE READY TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO "DISAPPEAR" 500 BRITISH SUBJECTS IN ARGENTINA AS SOON AS HOSTILITIES BEGIN. (COMMENT: ON 9 APRIL, THE 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION HAD RECEIVED A COPY OF A FIRM ORDER FROM MARIO ((FIRMENICH)), HEAD OF THE MONTONERO ORGANIZATION, INSTRUCTING MONTONEROS TO ATTACK BRITISH SUBJECTS AND TO SABOTAGE BRITISH-OWNED INSTALLATIONS IN ARGENTINA; IF THE 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION TAKES ACTION AGAINST BRITISH SUBJECTS, THIS INSTRUCTION WILL BE USED AS COVER AND IT WILL BE MADE TO APPEAR THAT THE ACTIONS WERE TAKEN BY THE MONTONEROS) 3.3(b)(1)

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